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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 30, 2007

**1. Call to order.**

The 322<sup>st</sup> joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:35 p.m. on April 30, 2007 at Webster Elementary School, Malibu, California.

**2. Administration of Oath of Office to new members.**

The Executive Director administered the Oath of Office to Elva Yañez, Evan Jones, Sara Wan, and Advisory Committee Member Lawren Markle.

**3. Roll Call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Bryan Cash, Linda Parks, Evan Jones, Jerome C. Daniel, Elva Yañez, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Jim Berkus, Woody Smeck, Antonio Gonzalez, and Ron Schafer, Vice Chairperson.

**4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Alan Kishbaugh, Lawren Markle, John McCord, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Barry Read, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Dennis Seider, Marc Stirdivant, Garen Yegparian, George Lange, Vice Chairperson, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Paul Rockenstein, William Koehler, Timothy Wendler, and Liane Weintraub. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti, Mary Sue Maurer, and Nancy Stephens.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural

Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; James Yeramian, Board Secretary, and Monica Costello, Executive Assistant.

**5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.**

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, and Laura Plotkin.

**6. Approval of minutes.**

The minutes of March 26, 2007 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of March 25, 2007 were approved as amended.

**7. Reports.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair, Mr. Jones, representing the National Parks Service, and Michael Berger representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger and the Executive Director.

**8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Comments were made by Messrs. Stirdivant, Brown, and Daniel.

**9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Ken Kearsley, representing the City of Malibu, on item 13.  
Tony Varela, representing the Los Angeles Fire Department.  
Randy Young, representing the Temescal Canyon Working Group.  
Aldo Cos, representing Madison Middle School, on items 19 and 20.  
Susan C. Middlebush, representing Budlong Elementary, on items 19 and 20.  
Margarita Pagliai, representing Seven Arrows, on item 19.  
Mimi Tamarat, representing Seven Arrows, on item 19.

Neil Desai, representing Seven Arrows and Little Dolphins by the Sea, on item 19.  
Anjini Desai, representing Seven Arrows and Little Dolphins by the Sea, on item 19.  
Melavke Terefe, representing Seven Arrows, on item 19.  
Loren Montgomery, member of the public, on item 19.  
Henry Ortiz, representing LAUSD, on items 19 and 20.  
Sandra Sims, member of the public, on items 19 and 20.  
Don Schmitz, representing Ocean Hills, LLC., on item 11(a).

**10. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County regarding Tentative Tract Map No. 52652 located south of Vanowen Avenue and adjacent to the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Vesting Tentative Tract Map Nos. 060257 and 062000, Green Valley Ranch Residential project, Val Verde, unincorporated Santa Clarita area.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing amendment of Resolution No. 05-057 dated August 22, 2005 to authorize quitclaims of encroachments to correct the legal description for former Vista Pacifica property, Baldwin Hills.**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 07-21, 07-22, and 07-23 were recommended for adoption.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 07-21, 07-22, and 07-23.

**11. Consent Calendar of Coastal Items:**

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to City of Malibu on Initial Study No. 07-002 and Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 07-002 for Coastal Development Permit No. 05-023 for Lot Line Adjustment No. 03-006, and Coastal Development Permit Nos. 05-024, 05-025, and 05-026, three proposed single family residences, 18805, 18807, and 18809 Pacific Coast Highway, Tuna Canyon and Topanga Canyon watersheds.**

- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Coastal Planned Development Permit Case No. LU06-0088, 11300 Yerba Buena Road, Little Sycamore Canyon watershed.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Project Number R2005-01468-(3) located on Piuma Road (APNs 4456-038-008 and 009), unincorporated Malibu Canyon area.**

Item 11(a) was postponed.

- 11(b). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to County of Ventura on Coastal Planned Development Permit Case No. LU06-0088, 11300 Yerba Buena Road, Little Sycamore Canyon watershed.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-25.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-25.

Ms. Parks was noted as abstaining.

- 11(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Project Number R2005-01468-(3) located on Piuma Road (APNs 4456-038-008 and 009), unincorporated Malibu Canyon area.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Read, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-26.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-26.

Comments were made by Ms. Wan.

**12. Consideration of resolution adopting 2007 Vegetation Management and Fire Prevention Plan.**

This item was heard subsequent to item 13.

Comments were made by the Chief of Facilities and Maintenance.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, and Ms. Wan.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by Messrs. Tholund and Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Tholund.

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Malibu for project planning and design of an improved Nature Center at Charmlee Wilderness Park, Malibu.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-28.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-28.

**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the protection and restoration of land and water resources at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-29.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-29.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the development of land and water resources at King Gillette Ranch, unincorporated County of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-30.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-30.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for pre-acquisition services in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed, Sierra Pelona Mountains, and San Gabriel Mountains.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of APN 2821-009-020 in Devils Canyon in the Santa Susana Mountains, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-32.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-32.

**18. Consideration of resolution authorizing expenditure from the Runyon Canyon Trust Fund for acquisition of APNs 5571-025-042 and 5571-026-007 adjacent to Runyon Canyon Park, Hollywood.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-33.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-33.

**19. Consideration of resolution approving a term one year non-renewable lease of a portion of the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center to Seven Arrows/Little Dolphins by the Sea for operation of a private preschool and summer camp, Pacific Palisades. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge, the Executive Director, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Wan.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. McCord.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge.

This item was discussed in closed session.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cash, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-34.

- 20. Consideration of resolution approving a term non-renewable lease for a term not to exceed one year of a portion of Temescal Gateway Park to the Palisades Jewish Early Childhood Center (PJECC) for operation of a private preschool and authorizing application for a Coastal Development Permit for the temporary installation of trailers and/or modular buildings for the operation of PJECC, Pacific Palisades. (*This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.*)**

This item was discussed in closed session.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Rosen, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-34.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-34.

- 21. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, et al.*; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

The Chair announced that the Conservancy would hold a closed session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss items 19 and 20.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:00 p.m.



**22. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 4, 2007.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE  
Chairperson